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SUBJ: PL 480 TITLE ONE COMMOEDITIES-TOBACCO

1. DURING MEETING JULY 28, OMAR SNRRI SAND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS BEEN APPROACHED BY MIRIOSTRY OF INDUSTRY TO REQUEST THAT A FURTHER 20 MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF TOBACCO BE PROVIDED UNDER PL 480 TLE I AGREEMENT. SNRRN ASKED IG THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

2. QUESTION OF FURTHER AVAILABILITY OF TOBACCO WAS RAISED BY STATE OWNED TOBACCO COMPANIES DURING JUNE NEGOTIATIONS FOR TITLE I AGREEMENT. WE POINTED OUT TO EGYPTIAN DELEGATION THAT THE 10 MILLION DOLLARS OF TOBACCO BEING OFFERED WAS THE AMOUNT REQUESTED BY THE GOE. TOBACCO COMPANIES SEEMED UNAWARE THAT THIS REQUEST HAD BEEN MADE. IN ORDER NOT TO SLOW DOWN NEGOTIATIONS AT THAT TIME WE SAID THAT WE WOULD ALWAYS BE WILLING TO ACCEPT FURTHER REQUESTS, BUT THAT WE COULD GIVE NO INDICATION OF THE FUTURE AVAILABILITY OF THIS COMMODITY. PRESENT REQUEST IS PROBABLY RESULT OF TOBACCO COMPANIES, PRESSURING MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY WITH REQUEST FOR FURTHER TOBACCO CREDITS.

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3. WE ARE AWARE, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION WITH AGRICULTURE /AID

DELEGATION , WHICH SO ABLY ASSISTED US IN NEGOTIATING AGREEMENT, THAT THERE IS A SURPLUS OF TOBACCO AVAILABLE, BUT THAT THERE MAY BE CONGRESSIONAL PROBLEMS WITH A FURTHER REQUEST FOR A TRANCHE OF TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF PL 480 FINANCING FOR TOBACCO THIS FISCAL YEAR.

4. REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT AND AGRICULTURE STUDY SITUATION AND ADVISE POSSIBILITY OF PROVIDING THIS EXTRA AMOUNT OF TOBACCO. IF AGREEABLE, THIS WOULD BE A USEFUL ITEM TO ANNOUNCE DURING THE UPCOMING FAHMY VISIT.

5. FYI AS FAR AS WE ARE AWARE, THERE HAVE BEEN NO PURCHASES MADE UNDER THE JUNE 7 AGREEMENT BECAUSE OF BUREAUCRATIC DELAYS IN THE GOE ITSELF. SIRRI ALSO RAISED THIS POINT SUGGESTING THAT THERE WAS SOME DELAY ON OUR SIDE. I ASSURED HIM THAT WE ARE READY, AND HAVE BEEN READY SINCE JULY 1 TO HONOR OUR FINANCING COMMITMENT, WE ARE ONLY WAITING FOR TOBACCO COMPANIES TO MAKE THEIR MOVE. HE SEEMED UNAWARE OF GOE BUREAUCRATIC ASPECTS, BUT INDICATED HE WOULD CHECK AND ARRANGE NECESSARY ACTION TO ENABLE TOBACCO ORDERS TO BE PLACED.  
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